



PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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Application No.: 09/696,232 ) Examiner: A. W. Olsen  
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Filed: October 26, 2000 )  
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For: ETCHING METHOD ) Confirmation No.: 5127  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

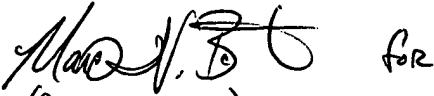
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office  
action of November 7, 2005. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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